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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A stent graft for implantation in a body lumen comprising  
a tubular graft having a first stent section comprising reinforcing material formed into  
a first pattern and a second stent section comprising reinforcing material formed into a  
second pattern, the first pattern being different from the second pattern,  
wherein the reinforcing material of the first pattern is disposed on the tubular  
graft in a pattern which oscillates about a line which is parallel to the longitudinal axis  
of the tubular graft,  
and wherein the reinforcing material of the second pattern includes separate  
spaced circumferential hoops extending circumferentially around the longitudinal axis  
of the tubular graft,  
the tubular graft having a first diameter in the region of the first stent section and a  
second diameter in the region of the first stent section,  
wherein the first diameter is different from the second diameter.
2. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the difference between  
the first diameter and the second diameter is up to 5mm.
3. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the difference between  
the first diameter and the second diameter is about 2mm.
4. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the first diameter is  
larger than the second diameter.
5. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the second diameter  
is larger than the first diameter.

6. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the first stent section comprises a plurality of circumferential hoops of reinforcing material disposed around the tubular graft.
7. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein ~~the second stent section comprises at least one circumferential hoop of reinforcing material which oscillates one or more of the circumferential hoops of the second stent section each oscillate~~ about a line running circumferentially around the longitudinal axis of the tubular graft.
8. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 7, wherein the ratio of the mean distance from
  - (1) the peak to the trough of the oscillation measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the graft diameter to
  - (2) the diameter of the graft in the region of the second stent sectionis about 1:2.
9. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 7 wherein the second stent section has  $2+4n$  peaks wherein  $n$  is an integer ranging from 1 to 3.
10. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The stent graft of claim 1 wherein the first and second stent sections are separated by a spacer section, the axial length of which is from a sixth to a third of the diameter of the graft in the region of the first stent section.

11. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A method comprising:
- a. radially compressing a stent graft having:
    - (1) a first stent section having a first diameter, and including reinforcing material formed into a first pattern, the first pattern including a continuous length of reinforcing material which is disposed around the first stent section in a pattern which oscillates about a line which is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the first stent section, and
    - (2) a second stent section having a second diameter and including reinforcing material formed into a second pattern, ~~wherein the second diameter is different from the first diameter and the second pattern is different from the first pattern~~ the second pattern including at least one circumferential hoop of reinforcing material which oscillates about a line running circumferentially around the longitudinal axis of the second stent section,

and wherein the first stent section does not include reinforcing material formed into the second pattern, and the second stent section does not include reinforcing material formed into the first pattern;
  - b. inserting the compressed stent graft into a catheter having an internal diameter which is less than the diameter of the first stent section of the stent graft.
12. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The method of claim 11 wherein the internal diameter is less than about a quarter of the diameter of the first stent section of the stent graft.
- 13-20. **(CANCELED)**

21. (NEW) A stent graft for implantation in a body lumen comprising  
a tubular graft having a first stent section including reinforcing material formed into a first pattern and a second stent section including reinforcing material formed into a second pattern,  
wherein the first pattern includes a continuous length of reinforcing material which is disposed around the tubular graft in a pattern which oscillates about a line which is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the tubular graft,  
and wherein the second pattern includes at least one circumferential hoop of reinforcing material which oscillates about a line running circumferentially around the longitudinal axis of the tubular graft,  
and wherein the first stent section does not include reinforcing material formed into the second pattern, and the second stent section does not include reinforcing material formed into the first pattern.
22. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 21 wherein in the first pattern the ratio of the mean distance from the peak to the trough of said oscillation measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the graft diameter of the graft to the diameter of the graft in the region of the second stent section is about 1:2.
23. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 21 wherein the first pattern has  $2 + 4n$  peaks wherein  $n$  is an integer ranging from 1 to 3.
24. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 21 wherein the tubular graft has a first diameter in the region of the first stent section and a second diameter in the region of the second stent section, and wherein the first diameter is different from the second diameter.
25. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 24 wherein the difference between the first diameter and the second diameter is up to 5mm.

26. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 24 wherein the difference between the first diameter and the second diameter is about 2mm.
27. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 24 wherein the first diameter is larger than the second diameter.
28. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 24 wherein the second diameter is larger than the first diameter.
29. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 21 wherein the second stent section includes a plurality of circumferential hoops of reinforcing material disposed around the tubular graft.
30. (NEW) The stent graft of claim 21 wherein the first and second stent sections are separated by a spacer section, the axial length of which is from a sixth to a third of the diameter of the graft in the region of the first stent section.